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Electronic data base consulted during the intertnational search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) eKIPASS, HTTP://WWW.USPTO.GOV/, WWW.DELPHION.COM/WPI, PAJ, '[(water and softener) or (soft and water)]and regenerat\* and temperature'

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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